

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
JUNE 13, 2002**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners and County Council met on Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room in the Tippecanoe County Law Enforcement Building. Commissioners present were: Vice President KD Benson and Member Ruth E. Shedd; Councilmembers present were: President David S. Byers, Kathy Vernon, and Jeffrey Kessler; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Commissioner John L. Knochel and Councilmembers Jeffrey A. Kemper, Margaret K. Bell, Ronald L. Fruitt, and Connie Basham were absent.)

Also present were

- Sheriff William "Smokey" Anderson
- Major Tracy Brown, Enforcement Commander
- Captain Denise Saxton, Jail Commander
- Captain Steve Grant, Operations (Bailiffs, Civil Process, Garage, Office, and Work Release Facility)

Vice President Benson called the Commissioners' Meeting to order.

President Byers called the Council Meeting to order without a quorum present.

SHERIFF'S 2003 BUDGET REQUESTS

Personnel Requests for 2003

- ◆ Eight (8) Corrections Officers due to the expansion of the Jail that is expected to be completed in November 2002. Four (4) more may be needed if the Jail population increases.
- ◆ One (1) Nurse
- ◆ One (1) Maintenance (Jail) – may have funds to add in August 2002.

Sheriff Anderson said any increases in his 2003 Budget requests will be associated with the Jail expansion.

- An additional Cook won't be needed because of upgraded kitchen equipment.
- Schedules will be adjusted to avoid hiring additional personnel in the Operations area.
- No additional Animal Control Officer will be requested although the current three are quite busy.

Sheriff Anderson reviewed the statistics in the handout that compared 2000 to 2001:

- * Annual calls for service increased from 24,421 in 2000 to 28,172 in 2001.
- * Tippecanoe County received 55% (30,000) of 911 calls.
- * Papers served by Civil Process Servers (4) increased from 53,334 in 2000 to 60,402 in 2001.
- * Annual inmates received decreased from 7,887 in 2000 to 7,299 in 2001. This may have been due to 60% of inmates being held 12 hours or less. Today's population is 335 (270 beds, 34 temporary beds, and mattresses on the floor).
- * The 2002 average weekly population calculated on Sunday night was 330.
- * Monthly expenses for inmates housed in other counties was \$38,185 in 2001. Most are moved to Warren County because of its proximity.
- * Potential reimbursement revenue from DOC inmates will be approximately \$800,000 if 60 are housed. The DOC pays \$35.00 per day and medical expenses. After the expansion, we will have 553 beds.

JAIL EXPANSION UPDATE: Kettelhut Representative Steve Habben

- * New Holding area is weather-tight, cells are installed, masonry is 100% complete, and mechanical is being installed.
- * New Pod is weather-tight, mechanical is being roughed-in, and masonry is 70% complete.
- * Roof replacement on existing facility is in progress.
- * Paving and concrete around Holding area will be completed next week.

The current strike by masonry workers is a concern, but other trade employees are not impacted at this point. The masonry workers contract expired at the end of May and negotiations are under way. When asked how the workers can strike after

wages were set by the Wage Board, Mr. Habben said those wages are a minimum that the contractor is required to pay.

Sheriff Anderson thanked the Commissioners and Council for their support for the Jail expansion. He invited them to tour the existing facility, the new Holding area, and the recently purchased Warehouse located across the road from the Jail (779 Cordale Rd.) that is already proving invaluable for storage and parking for Sheriff's vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn the Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.
- By Councilmember Vernon's motion and Councilmember Kessler's second the Council adjourned.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

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ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor